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Standing up for teachers



It's been building for quite a few years and I think those issues require that we actually support what our teachers are talking about.

Kate Irvine, for Nova Scotia Parents for Teachers

ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

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**More than 400
join parent group's
Facebook page in
just two weeks**



**Jen
Taplin**
For Metro | Halifax

A strike would cause major headaches, but a newly formed parents' group says they are firmly in the teachers' corner.

Nova Scotia Parents for Teachers started up about two weeks ago and their Facebook group already has more than 400 supporters.

"As parents, obviously we're concerned about what does it mean if our kids aren't going to school," said Kate Irvine, spokeswoman for the group. "It's going to be inconvenient absolutely, but I think there are a lot of us who are far more concerned about what's happening to the quality of the education and the conditions under which our teachers are working."

The group is holding a press conference Thursday morning in the lobby in Province House to announce their existence

and send the message to the province they're sticking up for teachers.

Ervine said it's even more important now after attempts for the government and the teachers union to meet with a conciliation board collapsed Tuesday.

"We want the government to know that despite the hardships that might come from job action, there are many of us who are prepared to find ways to deal with that so we can ensure better education and better conditions for our teachers."

At the event Thursday several parents will speak about their motivations behind joining the group.

Labour disputes tend to focus on the money, Irvine said, but the focus should be on better working conditions for teachers.

"I've got young children — they're five and seven — and they're going to be in the education system for quite a while," said the Halifax mother. "The conditions under which (teachers) are working are becoming increasingly difficult."

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union said they are looking for a fair salary package with at least cost of living wage increases, and supports for students including more resource teachers and learning centre teachers.



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Impact of rising tuition

METRO ASKS As hundreds of students poured into Victoria Park Wednesday for the Student Day of Action rally and marched to Province House, we talked to three young people on the challenges they are facing. **JEN TAPLIN** FOR METRO



Estella Trieu: Mount Saint Vincent University, fourth year, tourism and hospitality

Estella Trieu said she doesn't know how she's going to come up with next semester's tuition.

"I'm working really hard with a part-time job, saving my money and budgets," she said.

Even though her current debt level is around \$30,000, Trieu said she considers herself lucky compared to some students who are getting into the triple digits.

Post-secondary education is crucial to getting a good job, Trieu said, and some students can't even afford to take out a loan let alone afford going to school.

"Being denied education is such a sad reality that so many people face," she said. "If you're one of those lucky people who make it past that initial threshold and get to school, you're struggling."

Trieu said she wants the government to acknowledge the hardships students face and not just "put a Band-Aid on it."

"A viable and real solution is to make education free for everybody," she said. "You see it in so many different countries and it works for them, so why can't we make it work for us?"



Cristi Gilbert: Saint Mary's University, third year, political science

Gilbert was in class Wednesday when her professor asked the students if they wanted to attend the rally.

She said she was glad they did because there was no promotion of the rally on campus and she wanted to make sure Saint Mary's was represented.

"Tuition is going up and it's higher than inflation rates and that's the point where we need to say something," she said. "The last few rallies didn't really do anything and (tuition fees) keep on going up."

With another year of school to go, Gilbert said her debt

level now is \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Tuition hurts but so does the price of textbooks which keeps increasing. She said the average cost is \$150.

"So the government is giving you this much money, slice that in half immediately for tuition, another grand is going to textbooks and you have another couple grand and that's going to rent," she said.

"As a full-time student, how do I work in working with getting all my assignments in and doing well? Then that compromises my future."



Kadence Ellis: Nova Scotia Community College, second year, broadcast journalism

Financial life as a student for the past two years has been tough for Ellis.

"I have a student loan so that's been of assistance but I come from a low-income family so my whole life has been low income," he said.

Trying to find enough



I'm very, very afraid to pay that debt.

Kadence Ellis

money for everything is difficult and Ellis said his mental health has suffered the most.

"It affects your well-being because you don't have time to replenish yourself and rejuvenate because you're just working away," he said.

Looking towards graduation, Ellis is about \$20,000 in debt.

And thinking about paying back his student loans is something Ellis said is hard to get his head around.

"I'm very, very afraid to pay that debt," he said.

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LIVE MUSIC LET'S ALT-ROCK AND ROLL The Scotiabank Centre was packed as two Canadian bands were front and centre before a rockin' crowd Wednesday night.

On left, Edwin, current lead singer for I Mother Earth, gets the crowd riled up as the band took to the stage first.

On right, Raine Maida belts out some classic Our Lady Peace material as the legendary group ended the evening.

Visit metronews.ca/halifax for more photos from the show.

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'A proud moment'

SCHOOL BOARD

Newbie Suzy Hansen wants to be a voice for people of colour



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Being one of two African Nova Scotian voices on the Halifax Regional School Board is an opportunity to represent those who "don't always get seen," says Suzy Hansen.

Hansen, alongside the rest of the new school board, was sworn in as the District 5 member on Wednesday night in the Burnside board chambers.

"It's a proud moment. I've walked through every office and I've looked on the walls, looked at the pictures, and there's not much of me, you know," said Hansen, who won the Peninsula North/Fairview seat over incumbent Christy Linders in the recent municipal election.

"It's something that I hold very dear, because I represent a group of people that don't always get seen, get represented as much as they should."

Hansen, who has six children, four of them currently in the school system, said she was so immersed in school issues al-



Suzy Hansen, board member for District 5, poses for a photo in her seat at the Halifax Regional School Board table Wednesday. HALEY RYAN/METRO

ready that she thought the best way to make a difference was to sit at the table.

Echoing the words of newly elected District 8 representative Lindell Smith, who just became the first black councillor in 16 years, Hansen said "it's time" to have more diversity at the board level with herself and newly elected African Nova Scotian member Archy Beals.

Hansen said she knows Smith well, and they both helped "boost" one another through their campaigns. She learned a lot about politics, while she said

Smith educated people about the school board and let them know about Hansen's bid.

It's not only exciting to have two black board members, Hansen said, but she's proud to see members like Gin Yee and Mi'kmaq representative Jessica Rose creating a diversity rarely seen in Nova Scotia politics.

"(That) will help in giving insight and movement to what needs to be done," Hansen said.

At 26, Rose is also one of the youngest members and was appointed to the board in October by the province.

+ CLOSING GAPS

New chair, vice-chair elected by school board

Dave Wright and Cindy Littlefair both began their second terms on school board by taking the positions of chair and vice-chair.

During the Halifax Regional School Board's annual general meeting Wednesday night where all members were sworn in, Wright put his name forward for chair alongside member Gin Yee.

Speaking before the vote by secret ballot, Wright (District 8) said his priorities as chair would be to continue building trust with the community by ensuring the board was transparent, and focus on the ongoing work to close gaps for African Nova Scotian and indigenous learners who fall behind in assessments.

"I'm proud to be a member of a board that acknowledges this gap and is working towards a solution," Wright said.

Wright was voted in as chair, while Littlefair (District 4) was voted in as vice-chair over fellow nominee Nancy Jakeman of District 2.

SCOTIA LEARNING CENTRES

Province to buy 12 schools for \$86M

Nova Scotia taxpayers are facing a bill of nearly \$86 million in 2020 after the province decided to buy 12 of 13 schools built through public-private partnerships in the late 1990s.

The Education Department said Wednesday it had been negotiating a new lease arrangement with Scotia Learning Centres, but buying the schools outright for \$85.9 million proved a better deal.

In order to protect purchase prices under the existing agreement, the department says it was required to tell Scotia Learning Centres by Oct. 31 whether it would buy, surrender or extend leases for the schools.

The deadline for a thirteenth school under the agreement has been extended.

Most are in the Halifax area, including Lockview High School, Eastern Passage Education Centre and several elementary and junior high schools.

"It was certainly in our best interest and taxpayers' dollars' best interest to purchase rather than lease," said Education Minister Karen Casey.

"The lease would have been more expensive than the \$85 million."

A summary later released by the province said it had paid out a total of \$158.4 million in capital lease payments up until Oct. 31.

There was no word on how much it would cost the province to maintain the schools once they were purchased.

Casey was asked whether the development and service contracts originally signed in 1998 and 1999 ended up being good deals.

"At the time the agreements came about, there was certainly a need in many communities across this province for new schools, well beyond what the government could afford," she said.

"We certainly have very high quality, beautiful schools that have served those communities and those students well."

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+ MORE TALKS

The schools are to be purchased in June and August of 2020, although the province said the notice doesn't rule out the possibility of more talks with Scotia Learning Centres before the end of the lease term.

Bringing war history home

THEATRE

New play offers 'jumping-off point' for talks on war, empathy



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A local theatre company is bringing Halifax history to life through the eyes of a young boy whose life is impacted by the First World War.

Where Poppies Blow was written by award-winning Canadian playwright Hannah Moscovitch. She reworked the Ontario-based story being used by the Halifax Theatre for Young People. It now takes place in 1917 Halifax just before the Halifax Explosion.

"Gus's older brother Eddy is away, fighting at the Front. The play unfolds over a day in Gus's life, beginning at his home at breakfast time and finally ending at his school, where he receives the news that his brother has died," reads the theatre's web promotion of the play.

Emily Pettet, assistant direc-



Eytan Mendel-Elias, 11, plays Gus in Where Poppies Blow. Public performances take place 2 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12 and 13 at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. TERRY PULLIAM/CONTRIBUTED

tor for the theatre group's production of Where Poppies Blow, said the 35-minute production is being performed at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 at 2 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12 and 13.

"I am very interested in site-specific pieces. I think that it is a great way to reach different audiences that wouldn't ne-

cessarily come into a theatre," she said.

Pettet said the piece, directed by Tessa Mendel, will appeal to children, families, veterans, and even newcomers.

"We have so many new refugees that are coming here from different places, mainly Syria, and there are kids who are meeting these newcomers in school

and not necessarily knowing what they've been through," Pettet said.

"This play very much shows how war affects people that aren't just the soldier. I'm hoping that it's a jumping-off point for discussions for kids and their families about empathy and about war. About how we can be a community,

“It is a great way to reach audiences that wouldn't necessarily come into a theatre.”

Emily Pettet, assistant director of Where Poppies Blow

welcome people and just be present in caring for what's going on in our world right now."

Pettet conducted monologue workshops about the Halifax Explosion with local school children. Some of those monologues will be presented after each performance. "Our most violent experience with World War One as a community was with the Halifax Explosion, so the play actually ends with the Halifax Explosion," she explained.

There will be a sneak-peek featuring one or two scenes from the play at the Halifax Library on Saturday afternoon. This will include a Q&A with the actors.

School performances of the production are also scheduled for Nov. 8, 9 and 10.

LOTTERY

Fish plant workers land a big catch

A group of Nova Scotia fish plant workers have caught something very big.

After just two weeks of playing the lottery together, co-workers Marc Touesnard, Shelly Marchand, Leo Peebles and Spencer Green claimed the \$1 million guaranteed prize from the Oct. 19 LOTTO 6/49 draw. "It's pretty amazing," Peebles, the group's ticket buyer, said in an Atlantic Lottery media release.

The group heard rumours that a winning ticket had been sold in their region of Richmond County, Cape Breton. The group checked their two tickets together, but nothing matched up with the winning numbers and life went back to normal.

A few days went by with no news of any winner, and Peebles remembered they'd gotten three tickets instead of two because they'd received a free play ticket. Turns out they had the winner in the third ticket. None of the four plan to retire. METRO

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Police catch up to pet pig on the run

DARTMOUTH

Kevin Bacon has returned after straying from home



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Maybe he just wanted to dance.

On Tuesday, Halifax Regional Police officers helped Kevin Bacon, a potbellied pig, find his way back to his owner in Dartmouth after he got a little foot-loose and strayed from home.

According to a social media post, two officers were called to Russell Street, where they found and returned Mr. Bacon safely to his owner who lived in the area.

"He was not in any danger because he abided by the rules of the road and stayed on the sidewalk," police spokeswoman



Kevin Bacon, the pig, on the loose in Dartmouth this week. HANDOUT/HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE.

Const. Dianne Woodworth said Wednesday.

Woodworth added Mr. Bacon wasn't running for his life away from a farm as "he's a domestic pig, and he's okay with that."

The responding officers didn't

have a hard time rounding him up either, Woodworth said, as "he's obviously a very friendly pig."

"He was just out checking out things. He didn't think he was doing anything wrong, which he

wasn't. He just wasn't attended by anybody," Woodworth said.

In her career Woodworth said she's seen police being called for deer and even a moose, but never a runaway pig.

"It's a pleasant first," she said.

LEGISLATION

Act to set stage for more accessibility

Nova Scotia has introduced new enabling legislation intended to make the province more accessible to people with disabilities.

Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard says the Act Respecting Accessibility in Nova Scotia will provide a framework for the eventual setting of accessibility standards for communities and businesses.

Bernard says the province is the third to introduce legislation after Ontario and Mani-

toba. She says the act will also establish an accessibility advisory board consisting of 12 voting members.

Bernard says at least half of the board's members will have to be made up of people with disabilities.

She says the development of provincial standards will be carried out in phases over a number of years, and through consultation with communities, businesses and people with disabilities.

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IN BRIEF

N.S. to pay next to nothing for Muskrat Falls energy

The CEO of Nalcor Energy says Nova Scotia's Emera Inc. will be getting electricity for "next to nothing" when the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project in Labrador starts producing electricity — unless the deal is changed.

Stan Marshall said the poor arrangement with Emera is one of the reasons the \$11.4-billion Muskrat Falls pro-

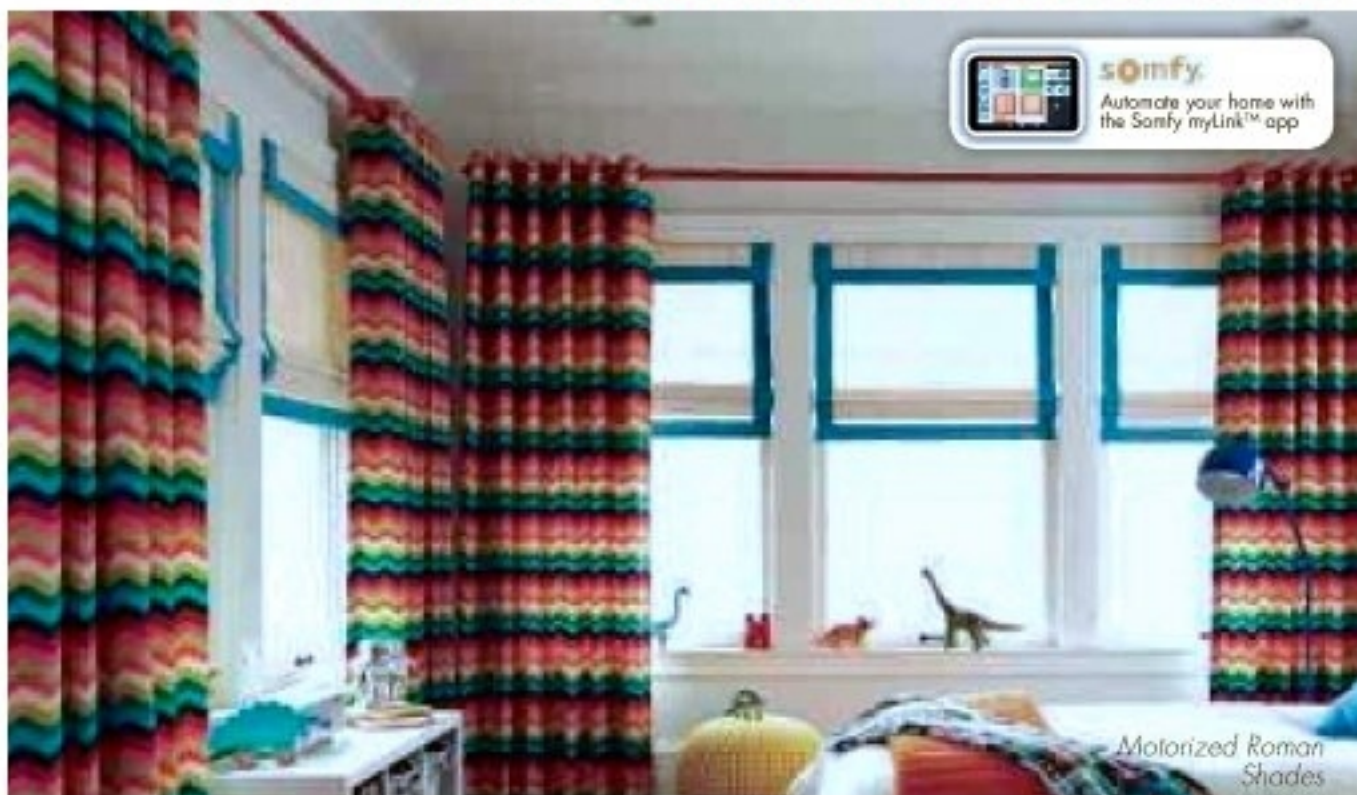
ject has proven to be a bad deal for Newfoundland and Labrador.

Marshall went on to suggest the project will be an economic burden for the province for at least the next four years because of the collapse of energy prices.

He says Nalcor is talking with Emera about changing the terms of existing contracts for the Maritime Link.

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U.S. tours get pricey

MUSIC

America ups the cost of work visas by 42 per cent

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Canadian musicians say they're reaching a breaking point with fees to tour the United States.

The U.S. government upped the cost of work visas required to play south of the border by 42 per cent last week, from \$325 to \$460 US per person — turning something that is already unprofitable for many into a major financial burden.

"For 99 per cent of artists they go down to the States and they spend a whole bunch of money," said Striker guitarist Tim Brown.

He said doesn't understand the motivation behind the move.

"If you look at it from an economic standpoint, a Canadian band going on tour in the States is going to generate a whole lot more money in America for

Americans. We spend thousands of dollars on gas and hotels and stuff when we go on tour."

The American government also increased the amount of time it takes to issue the visa to perform there, from 90 days to 120 days. That's quadrupled from 18 months ago, when Brown said he could get one in 30 days.

Striker was in the midst of planning a U.S. tour for January and February when the news came down, and the band will now have to pay at least an additional \$1,000 to fast-track the work permits.

"To me it's very evident that the system is at a breaking point now for musicians," Brown said. "It's just so ridiculous. I don't understand exactly what they're trying to protect against."

Sam Rashid, guitarist with the Toronto/Hamilton band Pet Sun, said the move could prove "financially devastating" for bands like his.

"It's already expensive enough as it is to tour the U.S.," he said, adding that most musicians feel like they have perform there to "break in and make a living."

"Our market's only so big here," Rashid said.



Canadian musicians are reacting negatively to new visa fee requirements to travel south of the border. COURTESY AMY LEE ZINN

STARBUCKS

Now brewing a \$10 cup of joe

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Starbucks is banking on Ottawa as the first Canadian location for its high-end Reserve Coffee bar and it's also banking people will pay as much as \$10 a cup.

The reserve concept is available in only a handful of the company's locations and focuses on using small batches of beans, alongside unique brewing techniques to create better coffee.

All of the employees at the

new location in the Byward Market are trained to the company's coffee master standard and the outlet is split between the regular counter found in most stores and the reserve bar.

The concept starts with using beans from smaller farmers, who are offering something unique.

On top of the rarity of the beans, the store uses siphon and clover brewing techniques that take longer. Brewing the coffee can be a five- or 10-minute process and Baretto-Burns said that's where the value for the higher prices comes in.

Green cups cause outrage

Irene Kuan
Metro | Toronto

Starbucks has released a limited-edition green cup, not meant to be a Christmas cup, but a "community cup" which seems to have offended some people.

In a press release, Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz calls it "a divisive time in our country" and says the coffee giant wanted to come

up with a symbol to serve "as a reminder of our shared values."

The green cup has sparked some negative reactions on social media. Some people were simply upset the cup wasn't red or festive feeling enough, while others accused the company of politicizing coffee. The cup was released just one week before the U.S. election.



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REFUGEES

Call for Yazidi move plan

More than a week after Ottawa announced it would bring in Yazidi refugees within four months, the community and its supporters are still waiting for details of Canada's resettlement plan.

"After a long period of silence, we were happy to see the Canadian government taking action. But they are keeping us in the dark," said Majed El Shafie, founder of Toronto's One Free World International, which has 300 aid workers in Iraq and Syria assisting Yazidi refugees.

"The government needs to be open and honest about how many they are bringing in, what the process is (for) choosing the refugees and how they are going to resettle them in Canada."

El Shafie, who came to Canada as a refugee from Egypt in 2002, was among 11 community groups and leaders who held a news conference Wednesday calling on the government to provide concrete targets and a timeline of its plan.

"I hope our Canadian government does not make the same mistakes where the real victims are ignored..." said Mirza Ismail, founder and chairman of Yazidi Human Rights International.

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INSTAGRAM

Social media users remember missing

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

An Instagram storytelling project is finding beauty among the tragic stories of Winnipeg search and rescue efforts.

As a companion to a new National Film Board-sponsored documentary called this river, producers Katherena Vermette and Alicia Smith set out to tell the stories of those who comb Winnipeg's nooks and crannies, looking vigilantly for missing loved ones.

Members of the Bear Clan Patrol, who search by foot, and Drag the Red, who search along the rivers, are featured in a series

of more than 80 photos and interviews, rolled out over two months on the Instagram page @WhatBringsUsHere.

"We really worked to take people inside kind of the very human experience of what it's like to have a missing family member and then the work that's born out of that — that sort of intense motivation for the need to just do something," said Smith, a Winnipeg-based National Film Board producer.

The photos, shot by Winnipeg's Janine Kropla, Mark Reimer and Karen Asher, alternate between depicting searchers in action and posing for portraits, paired with captions describing why they're motivated to keep looking for answers.



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U.S. Muslims cringing at portrayal

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Many feel like they're being pigeonholed by both candidates

Many Muslim Americans cringe at the way they have been portrayed by candidates during the presidential campaign — either as potential terrorists or helping counterterrorism efforts.

Those descriptions, offered by Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, respectively, are troubling to Muslims who complain they are being pigeonholed and their concerns on other issues ignored.

"I think that there is some level of dismissiveness about Arab-Americans and American Muslims that allows candidates to talk about us, not really to us," said Omar Baddar, a political analyst and media producer based in Washington.

Chaumtoli Huq, a lawyer from the New York City suburb of Yonkers, agreed: "We're not able to talk about issues that impact us as citizens — education, jobs, things that any other voter would care about," she said. "It's a really demoralizing way to be seen to be part of this country."

One of the campaign's more memorable moments for Muslim Americans unfolded at the Democratic National Convention

in July, when a grieving Khizr Khan addressed delegates about his son, Humayun, an American soldier who was killed in Iraq. The GOP candidate soon pushed back against Khan's anti-Trump comments, setting up an episode in which a presidential nominee criticized a military family that lost a loved one in a war zone.

In the second presidential debate in St. Louis, Trump answered a question about how to stop Islamophobia in America by saying American Muslims must report other Muslims who are engaging in dangerous behaviour.

That led to a widely retweeted comment from Brooklyn College professor Moustafa Bayoumi, who posted, "I'm a Muslim, and I would like to report a crazy man threatening a woman on a stage in Missouri." By the time the debate ended, his retort had been retweeted 32,000 times.

But Hillary Clinton did not escape censure from Muslim Americans, who said that the Democratic nominee's public remarks have primarily revolved around recognizing them for what they could do to support counterterrorism efforts.

Nour Eidy, a freshman at the University of Michigan, grew up in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, which is heavily Arab and Muslim: "I don't know anything about terrorism. I don't know their game plans, their strategies," she said. "We're just as victimized by them as anybody else." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



An unaccompanied migrant minor, from the demolished "Jungle" migrant camp in Calais, France, waves from a bus as he waits to be transferred to reception centres. Since Oct. 17, Britain has taken in slightly more than 300 Calais migrants, but France is pressing for more. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

FRANCE

1,600 migrants moved out of Calais

French authorities bused all unaccompanied children — 1,616 of them — out of Calais' sprawling migrant slum on Wednesday, taking them to special processing centres in one of the final steps to empty the camp in the English Channel city.

The underage migrants climbed into 38 buses in a day-long operation that began just under a week after adult migrants were cleared out of the camp known as "the jungle" and sent to refugee centres around France.

In the government's final move, women and their children — slightly more than 300 people — in the Calais camp

were to be transported to family centres on Thursday.

"Then there will be no one at the end of the day," said Steve Barbet, spokesman for the Pas-de-Calais region.

Last week's operation to evacuate and demolish the makeshift camp — whose population soared to more than 10,000 two months ago, aid groups said — was a mammoth logistical task rushed to completion after fires engulfed large swaths of the slum. Cleanup crews finished pulling down shelters Tuesday.

Two agents from the British Home Office travelled on each bus, said Barbet. They will study files of the underage migrants,

who often have family members in the U.K., to see who might qualify for transfer to Britain — the goal of most migrants who used the camp as a stepping stone for bids to sneak across the Channel by hiding out in freight trucks.

The child migrants were taken to 60 dedicated centres scattered around France until British officials decide their cases. Those refused access to Britain will be put under the care of French child welfare services.

The operation rekindled tensions among some youths, who feared it means the end of their dream of reaching Britain.

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NICARAGUA

President's wife behind popularity

On bright-pink billboards across the Nicaraguan capital, President Daniel Ortega looms triumphantly over motorists ahead of next Sunday's vote, where he's considered a shoo-in.

He's almost never alone in those ads: Accompanying Ortega is the smiling visage of his first lady, spokeswoman and now running mate, Rosario Murillo.

"That woman is the one who rules in the country," said fruit vendor Roberto Mayorga. "If 'the man' dies, she'll be there."

Murillo is beloved by many poor Nicaraguans and Sandinista faithful, consistently polling around 70 per cent approval.

When the government makes public announcements, they usually come in Murillo's voice. She has represented Ortega overseas and spearheaded the installation of giant metal "trees of life" sculptures in the capital, a beautification campaign that opponents have criticized as costly but which many residents appreciate.

"She's become really the public face of the administration, and I think that's helped her popularity immensely," said Christine Wade, a political scientist at Washington College in Maryland.

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Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega and first lady Rosario Murillo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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VICKY MOCHAMA ON AN OVERLOOKED ELECTION BATTLE

There's a big ideological divide that has yet to be talked about: Scorpio vs. Gemini. With some voters undecided, why not consult the stars?



Great forces are battling each other this election season: Republican against Democrat, billionaire against millionaire, Darth Vader vs. Princess Leia.

Polls give Clinton a comfortable lead but the race may yet tighten. As Americans make their big decision, there's a big ideological divide that has yet to be talked about: Scorpio vs. Gemini.

With some voters still undecided, why not consult the stars? For some, politics is like the Superbowl: It's a thing that happens on one day and you don't have to pick a team until then.

According to the New York Times (a Virgo), Trump is status-obsessed, scattered and volatile. In other words, he's a classic Gemini. Game recognize game. I know a fellow Gemini when I see one.

Trump was born in the middle of the Gemini star sign on June 14, 1946. Geminis have many excellent traits: We are energetic, im-

aginative, clever, and witty. For example, remember when Donald Trump joked Megyn Kelly had "blood coming out

wit? We Geminis are often very humorous.

Still, Geminis like Trump and I are not without faults.



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of her wherever" after she moderated one of last year's 70,000 Republican debates? Remember how deeply you laughed at his cleverness and

We're often impulsive. I recently booked a tropical vacation because I was tired and it seemed like a good idea, I guess. Similarly, Donald

Trump seems to have decided to run for president because a reporter from BuzzFeed goaded him into it. We both had good ideas.

With her resourcefulness, secretiveness and giant pincer claws, Clinton is a true Scorpio. The Llewellyn Encyclopedia, a compendium of all things New Age, says the biggest problem for Scorpions is their "ability to cause trouble." Secretary Clinton must regret ever learning to press "send" on an email. It's been downhill ever since.

Clinton has explained her cautious public persona is a result of being a woman breaking down the walls of a man's world. But a quick glance at the night sky shows that actually,

Scorpions are secretive and reserved, which is definitely more plausible. If Clinton wins, it will be a historic moment: Not only would she be the first female president, but a Scorpio hasn't had their claws in the Oval Office since Warren G. Harding nearly a hundred years ago.

The skies have always played an important role in presidential elections, despite what the experts, statistics and plain common sense might say.

After all, the zodiac sign to win the most elections is pleasant, humanitarian Aquarius, which includes Abraham Lincoln. And he kept the country together. It's all in the stars.

What the horoscopes have in store for Nov. 8

When it feels as if nothing makes sense anymore — U.S. politics anyone? — many people look to the celestial for guidance. Metro asked astrologist Julie Simmons to read her star chart and tell us what the stars, sun and planets predict about what kind of day Clinton (a Scorpio) and Trump (a Gemini) will have on Tuesday, Nov. 8: Election Day. We're also printing an advance peek at our own Tuesday horoscopes by Francis Drake.

Julie Simmons (juliesimmons.ca)

CLINTON HOROSCOPE

Hillary is very Scorpio. She digs in, she's resolute. But she's very, very power-oriented. Coming up in December-January, Saturn will be squaring Hillary's moon. That means she's depleted and tired. It's not the aspect of a win. Now, she's no slouch. She's got a very powerful chart. A Scorpio is always good at reconstruction. Interestingly, neither of them has any earth in their chart. Earth is the element of being practical and down-to-earth.

TRUMP HOROSCOPE

He's a Gemini. He's a trickster. Jupiter is the planet of luck. And when Trump was born he had Jupiter shining his sun. That's a good position. It means he projects himself and gets people to listen, even though he's speaking out of both sides of his mouth. He has charisma. He gets away with it. And Jupiter up in the sky (now) is in that place, where Trump gets away with it. But if he wins, he will go through a tremendous amount of difficulty.

BOTTOM LINE: It's hard, astrologically, to look at this election, because my personal wish is stronger than usual. Trump really scares me. However, if I just look at the astrological chart, Trump looks more like a winner.

Metro's Francis Drake

CLINTON HOROSCOPE

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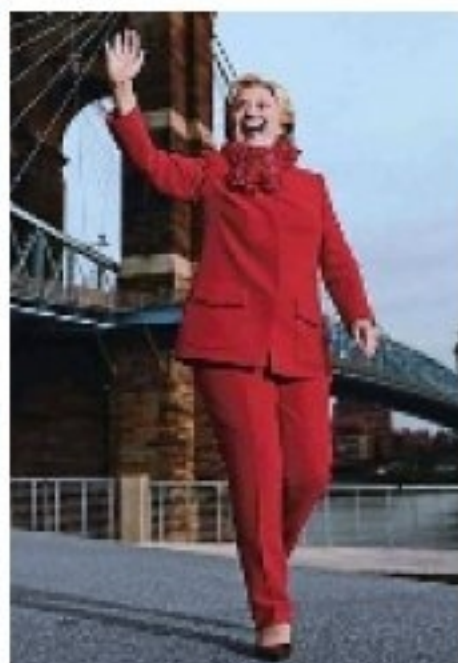
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Power of the pantsuits

A secret Facebook group has become a place for female Clinton supporters who plan to wear the classic ensemble as they cast their ballots.

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Tracey plans to wear a classic black one from the back of her closet, Cindy a blue favourite, and Lauren a grey number with blue pinstripes.

The Canadian women are part of a North-American wide movement called "pant-suit day," women connected by a secret Facebook group, who plan to don the classic uniform of Hillary Clinton on Nov. 8 in a quiet show of solidarity with her.

Burnaby, B.C. resident and American citizen Marie Cardona says she plans to wear a pantsuit on election day.

"The whole pantsuit, obviously, is a nudge to the idea of Hillary wearing pantsuits all the time, which she does," said the environmental engineer, who moved to B.C. from California four years ago.

Cardona says she joined a splinter Facebook group called Canadian Pantsuit Day for Hillary Nov 8th Nationwide because the private group is a safe venue to show support for the Democratic presidential candidate.

"It's just a safe place to discuss your ideas without trolls coming in and ruining things for you."

She mailed in her ballot Tuesday night and plans to spend election day with family and friends in Los Angeles.

"Sometimes I think I might faint with anxiety. It feels like it has been like the longest year ever," she said.

Toronto's Tracey Nolan plans to dress her six-year-old daughter in a pantsuit, in a "power colour" like red, if she can find it.

"I just thought 'let's do it, let's pantsuit it up,' she told Metro.

As a "global citizen" she's been following the election closely, and sees the movement as "reclaiming" the pantsuit, often not considered the most high fashion of outfits.

"It's utilitarian, it gets the job done, it's sort of all the things people say about Hillary in a negative way," Nolan said.

Cindy Perry, a dual citizen who has lived in Toronto for the past eight years, said she sees the pantsuit as a "symbol of the progress" women have made.

For Lauren Hay, an American citizen who has lived in Toronto since 2009, it's about celebrating the fact that Clinton will be the first woman president, in addition to all of the other qualities that make her qualified for the role.

The Canadian Facebook group's creator, Marly Weitzke, says she got the idea

from the American version, called National Pantsuit Day — Nov. 8. It's an easy way for Canadians to participate on election night, said the Co-mox, B.C. resident.

"It's a celebration, using the pantsuit metaphor in support of Americans."

The pantsuit has long been a "power symbol" of women engaging with the "public realm" of work and politics said Henry Navarro Delgado, an assistant professor at Ryerson University's school of fashion.

But not all women see it, or Clinton, as representing feminism, he noted, particularly younger ones.

"That's also something that has played out in the

election itself because some people see her on the one hand as a progressive figure in this sense, but also as a conservative figure in her political outlook, Navarro Delgado said.

But for some baby boomers, the pantsuit is as much a symbol of empowerment as it is a sign of solidarity, said Weitzke.

"I grew up in Ontario where I had an older brother and when he went to school, he came back and said girls cannot wear pants to school and they have to wear skirts," she said.

"But by the time I started high school in 1971, at least that part had changed. We could wear pants."



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Tracey Ullman is back in fine form

THE SHOW: Tracey Ullman's Show, Season 1, Episode 2
THE MOMENT: The tour guide

"We believe that a middle-aged Henry got to know a young Anne Boleyn on this very bed," an historic-home guide (Tracey Ullman) tells visitors. "He'd have had little trouble finding female company on those long nights away at the conference."

The visitors glance at one another. The guide winces but soldiers on: "It wasn't until 1532 that Henry was able to di-

vorce his fiercely loyal but age appropriate wife. It's unlikely she ever got the whole truth. But if it was just business, why was the wine marked 'room service?'"

"Did they marry?" a visitor asks.

"Yes," the guide answers. "Even those who expressed their disapproval quickly swapped their allegiance for that little sl—." She stops herself, barely.

"Wasn't Anne—," begins a guest. "Beheaded! Lopped clean

off!" the guide roars. "That would teach her, wouldn't it?"

She turns to exit the room. "Let's move on, shall we? Let's just try to move on."

Ullman is back in fine form with this sketch show, which intersperses recurring characters with one-offs like this.

The sketches are unevenly funny, but they're fascinating, thanks to Ullman's acute observations of the way people like this guide speak and move, and the soft spots they're unaware of that make them who

they are.

She has especial fun with Judi Dench, who uses her "national treasure" status to vandalize her way around London; and Angela Merkel. "Don't make the hair too poufy," her Merkel intones in a flat German accent, "or the other leaders will be wild with lust."

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Tracey Ullman takes on a number of characters in her new television show. CONTRIBUTED

DIY pet beds should be cosy, safe

DO-IT-YOURSELF

Customize to reflect style of home, owner personality

There are as many ideas for do-it-yourself pet beds as there are kinds of pets. Projects range from simple sewing patterns to complex woodwork.

But the goal is a safe, customized bed that suits the pet, so that "your furry family members have a cosy place to curl up," says Camille Smith, website managing editor for the home design channel HGTV.

On the fancier side, some old vintage items lend themselves to eye-catching pet beds. Search your attic for a bulky old television from the pre-flat-screen era, for instance, or a boxy computer monitor once used for accessing MySpace. Remove the screen and gut the inside. Line the box with fabric and add a pillow so your cat or small dog can snuggle up inside.

Most pet-bed projects, however, don't require you to track down hard-to-get items.

Many online tutorials suggest reclaiming a vintage dresser drawer and filling it with a cushion. Woodworker Scott Lavigne came up with a plan to build a custom drawer from scratch for his dog.

"I'm a builder just by nature," says Lavigne, founder of the blog sawsonskates.com. Creating a sleep space for his



Making a pet bed can be a practical alternative to buying one. JEFF MINDELL/STUDIODIY.COM VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

lhasa apso was a labour of love.

"It's essentially just building a simple box," he says; even those inexperienced at woodworking could likely accomplish it in a weekend. By changing the size of the pieces of wood used, his drawer project can easily be adapted for large dogs. Detailed instructions are on his blog.

Design blogger Kelly Mindell, creator of StudioDIY.com, customized and revitalized an old dog bed by ironing on emoji shapes that she cut out of iron-on fabric.

"A huge part of the DIY movement is the ability to adapt and customize an idea to reflect your own personality or needs," Mindell says.

"Since emojis are all made of simple shapes like circles, half-moons and hearts, it's easy to take the concept and

change it as desired."

Homemade pet beds can be practical alternatives to store-bought ones.

"Dog beds are not inexpensive," says Lavigne, who designed his project to fit a standard bed pillow, which can be tossed in the washing machine when necessary.

A DIY pet bed also can be made to match the style of your home.

"For small dogs and cats, you can even upcycle an existing piece of furniture to create a side table that does double duty as a snug spot for curling up," says Smith.

Lavigne's project can be adapted by using different paint or stain colours, or choosing to distress the wood for a "shabby chic" look.

Safety, of course, is more important than how the bed looks.

"Be sure to make your pet's comfort and safety the top priority," Smith says. "Ensure your finished bed is extra cozy with no protruding nails or splintered wood."

Also, make sure before you begin a project that it's right for your particular pet, keeping the animal's health in mind.

"For instance, an arthritic older dog may benefit from a memory foam mattress while a padded window perch may be the best cat-nap spot for a curious kitten," says Smith.

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VINTAGE DIGS
Old TVs or computer monitors (pre-flat-screen era) can be gutted and used as a place for pets to snuggle in.



Kelly Mindell of StudioDIY.com transformed a large, plain yellow pillow with iron-on fabric pieces cut into shapes to make up the emoji face. JEFF MINDELL/STUDIODIY.COM VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

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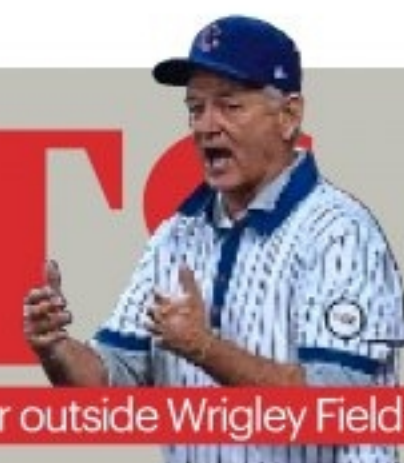
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UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

Dalhousie men hope to hold on to AUS championships

Adam Richardson
For Metro | Halifax

Dalhousie Tigers forward Kashrell Lawrence knows exactly where his university basketball career will end this March.

Now comes the hard work — going from tournament hosts to national champions at Scotiabank Centre during the U Sports men's Final 8.

Lawrence, from Brampton, Ont., is part of a vital core of returning veterans hoping to help the Tigers win the Atlantic University Sport title for a third consecutive season. Joining him are guards Ritchie Kanza Mata and Jarred Reid, along with fellow forward Sven Stammberger.

"I feel this is the best team I've played on since I arrived at Dal," Lawrence said. "We know we'll be at nationals, but how you get there is very important. It matters for seeding, and we need to be playing at our best heading into that weekend. We don't look beyond defending our AUS championship — we don't look beyond our next game."

That next game is Dalhousie's



The Dalhousie Tigers celebrate winning their second straight AUS men's basketball title in March. JEFF HARPER/METRO

home opener against the Cape Breton Capers on Friday night at 8 p.m.

Head coach Rick Plato has plenty of reasons to be excited about his roster. Ryall Stroud, a six-foot-seven centre, transferred to Dalhousie from Queen's. Plato expects him to anchor the interior. First-year guard Alex Carson of Lower Sackville was a top recruit this off-season, and is expected to make an immediate impact as a starter on an experienced team.

The Tigers fell 76-66 to the powerhouse Carleton Ravens in last year's national semifinal at UBC. Neither Plato nor Lawrence hide the fact that Carleton is the standard in university men's basketball. A return date at Scotiabank Centre — perhaps on Championship Sunday — would be a dream script.

"Our goal is to build a legacy with this program, and to do that, you need to eventually beat a great team like Carleton," Plato explains. "Everything they do, they do so well. As soon as we lost last year, I realized we needed to improve every day to be at that level. We've played a difficult pre-season of road

tournaments to prepare, and we've beaten teams like (national silver medallist) Ryerson in their gym."

The AUS conference is expected to be competitive, and the Saint Mary's Huskies will be in the mix with a veteran group that includes scorers Brian Rouse and Theon Reef. They open with a home-and-home against the Acadia Axemen starting Thursday in Wolfville.

"We'll be at our best when we're uptempo and pushing the pace," said Huskies head coach Jonah Taussig. "We're an athletic team, and I really like our scoring depth this year."

“Our goal is to build a legacy with this program.”
Dalhousie head coach Rick Plato

Huskies hope to extend dominance

Scott Munro has a great problem on his hands.

His Saint Mary's Huskies women's basketball team won the last four Atlantic University Sport titles, took home a bronze medal at nationals last season, and are an incredible 73-7 in regular-season games since 2012-13, including a 19-1 run last year.

So how does a head coach keep that dominance going as the season tips off Thursday night in Wolfville against the Acadia Axewomen, especially after graduating first-team conference all-star Rachelle Coward and key starter Laura Langille?

"When you lose that type of scoring, outstanding leadership and experience, it requires players stepping up into those roles," said Munro. "I'm confident in our group. I think we have a decent mix, and as the season goes we'll see where we are in meeting those expectations."

A pair of fifth-year guards will continue to anchor the backcourt, with Halifax's Angelina Carvery and Fall River's Jenny Lewis back to lead the team. Kennisha-

Shanice Luberrisse, named the nation's top defender last season, also returns.

"We're a team that focuses a lot on defence and transition — every day, every practice is a grind," said Carvery, a member of all four championship teams. "We know several teams are returning almost full lineups, so there won't be many easy nights."

At Dalhousie, head coach Anna Stammberger is in a youth movement following

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Saint Mary's regular-season winning percentage since 2012-13.

QMJHL

Road still rough for Mooseheads



Dylan DesRoche
For Metro | Halifax

The Halifax Mooseheads fell to 8-9 on the season as they lost 5-2 on the road to the Gatineau Olympiques on Wednesday night.

Keigan Goetz opened the scoring for Halifax early in the second, but Gabriel Bildeau would tie the game for Gatineau moments later, giving Marc Olivier Crevier-Morin the opportunity to score the winner midway through the second.

"We worked really hard but unfortunately we let our emotions get to us in the second period and we lost our focus,"

Mooseheads coach Andre Tourigny said after the game.

Yakov Trenin, Zack MacEwen and Alex Dostie would add insurance markers for Gatineau.

Nico Hischer scored late in the third during an attempted Halifax resurgence, but that would be all they could muster.

"We had a really good push back, we had really good scoring

chances it was a good third, I was happy with how the guys answered," Tourigny added.

Alexis Gravel made 34 saves

In Gatineau, Que.

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in the loss.

Halifax has two more chances to succeed on the road this week, as they play the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies (12-3) on Friday and the Val-d'Or Foreurs (8-8) on Saturday.



WORLD SERIES CLEVELAND, CHICAGO BATTLE TO THE END
Cleveland shortstop Francisco Lindor, top, forces out the Chicago Cubs' Anthony Rizzo at second base during Game 7 at Progressive Field on Wednesday in Cleveland. Go to metronews.ca for the story. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Raptors ride DeRozan's hot hand to win over Wizards

DeMar DeRozan continued his hot start by scoring 40 points and outduelling John Wall in a showcase of all-star guards as the Toronto Raptors beat the winless Washington Wizards 113-103 on Wednesday night.

DeRozan has scored at least 32 points in each of the Raptors' (3-1) first four games this season.

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Price, Habs blank Canucks

Carey Price made 42 saves for his first shutout of the season as the NHL-best Montreal Canadiens beat the Vancouver Canucks 3-0 on Wednesday night to extend their winning streak to eight games.

Nathan Beaulieu, Torrey Mitchell and Alexander Radulov scored for Montreal (9-0-1), the only team still undefeated in regulation time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RECIPE Cauliflower Cous Cous Bowl with Roasted Veggies



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Cauliflower your whole life after trying it as the "base" to these veggies.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 sweet potato, cut into pieces
- 2 cups quartered Brussels sprouts
- 1 tbsp olive oil plus two teaspoons
- 1 head cauliflower
- 1 tsp salt, plus 2 teaspoons
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta
- 1 pat of butter
- 4 eggs

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400. In a bowl, toss the sweet potato and Brussels

sprouts with 2 tps olive oil and 1/2 tsp salt. Spread out on a pan and roast until golden brown.

2. Cut cauliflower into small florets and pulse in food processor until they are broken into cous-cous-sized granules.

3. Heat a skillet over medium heat and add 1 tbsp oil. Add cauliflower to the pan and sprinkle with remaining salt. Add cumin and stir. Cook until the cous-cous is tender, about 4 to 5 minutes. Take off heat and set aside.

4. Place butter in frying pan over medium heat and add four eggs. Remove eggs from pan once the whites are set and the yolks are cooked to your preference.

5. Mix together and sprinkle with feta, top with eggs.

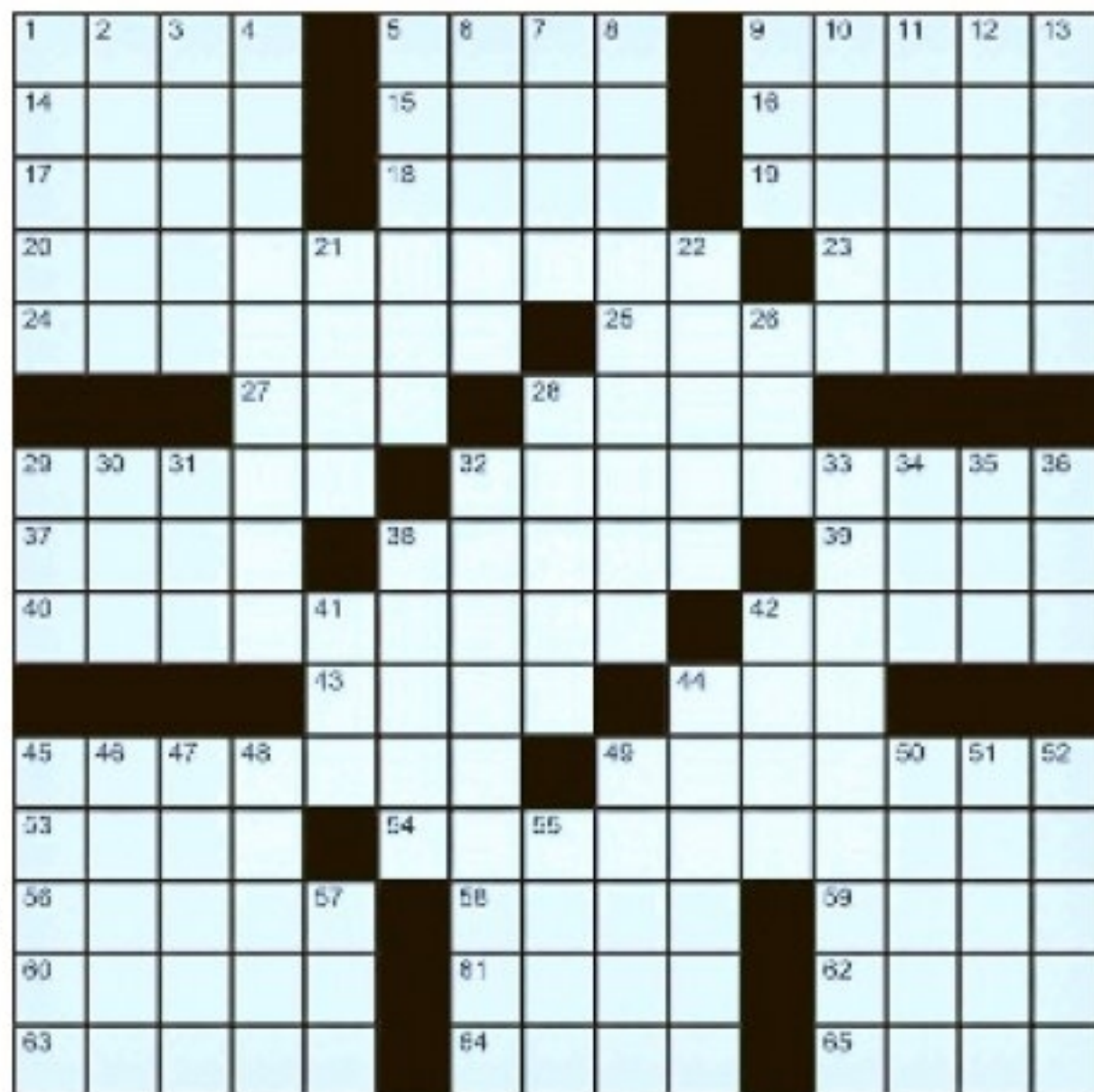
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ACROSS

- Composed
- up (Support)
- Throbs
- Margarine
- Diner side order
- Will, fancy-style
- Ken of "thirty-something"
- "Tell me __ haven't heard before!"
- Sorta
- People to look up to: 2 wds.
- Diving bird
- The Town of Friendly People in the South Georgian Bay area of Ontario
- Serving soup
- Yo-Yo or Slinky
- Read: French
- Canadian actor Raymond's
- Cake decorator's tool: 2 wds.
- Largest continent
- Garbage spots
- Shield's centre knob
- Acadian dish of grated potatoes: 2 wds.
- Hemmed-and- (Hesitated)
- Deeply absorbed
- Furrow
- Ironer's target
- Sticky forest resin: 2 wds.
- Santa __ California
- Column-like formation rising from a cavern's floor
- Perform off-the-cuff
- Twofold



- Many times: 2 wds.
- Vex
- Segment
- Ms. Home
- Carried
- Mr. Preminger
- Figure skating jump

DOWN

- Beer brand, __ Light
- Dispense
- Priestess in Georges Bizet opera The Pearl Fishers
- Movie of 1965 in which Canadian actor Glenn Ford stars

as a policeman with financial problems, with The: 2 wds.
5. "Fehl!"
6. Holidaying human's hope: letter + word + letter
7. " __ where wide the golden sunlight flows..." - Richard

Watson Gilder
8. Ryan of "Gosford Park" (2001)
9. Inquire
10. Cool down
11. Vietnam's capital
12. American Gothic city in Iowa
13. Gnarly! instead of Great!, for instance

- Followers of H-H-J-K-Ls
- Draped dresses
- Lair
- Boundary
- Saloon
- G7 member
- Mr. Torn
- Casey and Finnegan: 2 wds.
- Central America nation
- Since-1916 car co.
- Mr. Vigoda
- Deity
- Bargains
- Bug
- jury
- Bridge (1500s-built oldest crosser of Venice's Grand Canal)
- Blanketed, to a Bard
- Drive (Swanky street in Beverly Hills)
- Small island
- Green
- S'il vous __ (Please)
- Proctor __ (Kitchen appliance company)
- Make amends
- Bloom bit
- Kyle Richards, to Paris Hilton
- of lettuce

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Continue to focus on matters related to shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt, because this is what you need to sort out. You also have practical ideas about this.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will need more rest now because during this time of year, you are tired. Nevertheless, discussions with others will be lively and dynamic. Look for ways to improve your job.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
At this time, you are setting high standards for yourself because you want to be efficient, productive and effective in everything you do. With this winning attitude, you can't lose!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Make sure you take time for the arts, sporting events and playful activities with children, because this month you want to enjoy yourself. It's perfectly OK to put yourself first.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Home, family and your private life continue to be your focus now. Act on practical ideas about making repairs where you live.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Short trips and discussions with others will create a busy schedule. In addition, many of you are reading, writing and studying more than usual.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your focus is on money, earnings and cash flow, but you also are wondering about your basic values in life. Essentially, the question is: What really matters?

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
With the Sun in your sign now, you easily attract people and favorable situations. Make the most of this, because it isn't always this easy.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Work alone or behind the scenes, because this will suit you now. Avoid shopping today for anything other than food or gas.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are popular now. Not only will you be involved with friends, but group activities will also place demands on you. People are willing to help.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You look good in the eyes of others, especially bosses, VIPs and parents. Knowing this, you can make your pitch and ask for what you want.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Grab every chance to travel that comes your way now, because you need a change of scenery. If you can sign up for a course or pursue further studies, this will please you as well.

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